



Health in All Policies Task Force Update to the Strategic Growth Council October 2015-December 2015


The California Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force was charged by Executive Order S-04-10 in 2010 to identify priority programs, policies, and strategies to improve the health of Californians while also advancing the goals of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC). The Task Force consists of representatives from 22 State agencies, departments, and offices, who contribute their time to this initiative. The Task Force is facilitated by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and staffing is provided through a partnership with the Public Health Institute (PHI), with funding from multiple sources. This update shares highlights of Task Force work for the period from October through December of this year. Progress continues on 8 implementation plans endorsed by the SGC, as well as a variety of other projects.

Highlights of Task Force work and interagency projects:

- The Task Force's **Housing Siting and Air Quality** work group provided input for a clearinghouse that will be hosted by the Department of Housing and Community Development, and will provide resources to support multi-sector efforts to avoid, minimize, or mitigate air pollutant exposure of residents living near high volume roadways.
- HiAP staff are participating on the California Transportation Commission and Caltrans Technical Advisory Committee for the Active Transportation Program as part of the **Grants Action Plan** and the **Active Transportation Action Plan** to embed health and equity into grant guidelines.
- Task Force members have been invited to serve on a variety of Caltrans technical subgroups that relate to active transportation.
- The California Department of Education has completed a brief paper on **Sustainable Communities and School Planning** with input from the Task Force's Land Use, Schools, and Health work group, and in support of activities described in the Active Transportation Action Plan.
- Task Force members have begun providing input to HiAP staff to inform the development of a workplan to guide future actions of the **Land Use, Schools, and Health work group**.
- The Department of General Services, Division of the State Architect, with support and input from the Department of Education, has completed an action outlined in the **Active Transportation Action Plan** to provide resources related to Safe Routes to Schools on their sustainability webpage.
- Task Force members held a multi-agency ad hoc working group meeting to determine work group priorities for an action plan to create **violence-free and resilient communities**. Participants included the Departments of Community Services and Development, Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation, and Public Health, as well as the Board of State and Community Corrections. It is anticipated that the action plan will be presented to the SGC for endorsement in 2016.

Highlights of infrastructure development for the Task Force:

- CDPH has hired a new Policy Unit Chief for the Office of Health Equity and is in the process of interviewing candidates for two new HiAP team staff positions.

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- On October 23rd HiAP staff participated in a Governing for Racial Equity training organized by the Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative and facilitated by the Government Alliance on Race and Equity at the UC Berkeley Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society. The purpose of the training was to further understand opportunities to embed a racial equity lens in government programs, policies, and decision making.

Highlights of HiAP external capacity building and outreach:

The California HiAP Task Force continues to be a model for other states and communities in California. Staff and Task Force members frequently give presentations about their involvement in and lessons learned from participating in the initiative. For example:

- On October 6th, Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin signed an executive order creating a state-level HiAP Task Force, making Vermont the second state in the country to do this. The Vermont HiAP initiative is modeled after California's work. HiAP staff have been in contact with leadership from the Vermont Department of Health to provide support as they operationalize the executive order. The executive order can be viewed at: http://governor.vermont.gov/EO_07-15_Health_in_All_Policies_Task_Force.
- The theme of this year's American Public Health Association Annual Conference was Health in All Policies. Over 12,000 participants gathered in Chicago between November 1st and November 4th, and focused on the HiAP approach. California's HiAP staff team led a sold-out day-long Learning Institute on HiAP, organized, moderated, and presented on four panels, and networked with practitioners and thought leaders from around the world. More information about the sessions can be found at <http://www.phi.org/news-events/845/the-public-health-institute-at-apha-2015-storify-round-up#>.
- On December 4th Task Force members from Caltrans organized a panel at Caltrans' California Transportation Planning Conference on active transportation and healthy communities, moderated by HiAP staff.

For further information about the California Health in All Policies Task Force, please see http://www.sgc.ca.gov/s_hiap.php or contact hiap@cdph.ca.gov.